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EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Johann ERTL et al. )  
Application No.: 09/099,307 ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filed: June 18, 1998 ) Examiner: C. SAOUD  
For: NOVEL INSULIN DERIVATIVES )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 28, 2000, and the telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned representative on September 19, 2000, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 46-48 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 17, 32, 41-45, 49-52, and 63-66 as follows:

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